Development of B.R. Hills in Karnataka

2144. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the project for developing Biligiriranga Hills (B.R. Hills) in Chamarajanagar District in Karnataka as a tourist spot;

(b) if so, the details of the tourist promotion work taken up; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent during 2002-2003 on it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned a project for construction of Yatri Niwas at Biligiri, Rangana Betta in Chamarajanagar District in Karnataka during the year 2000-01 for Central financial assistance of Rs. 56.00 lakhs.

(b) The project has been taken for construction of Fast Food Counter and Yatri Niwas.

(c) The State Government of Karantaka has released an amount of Rs. 16.80 lakhs to M/s. Karnataka Land Army Corporation to start the construction of Yatri Niwas at B.R. Hills during 2002-2003.

Development of tourist circuits

†2145. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Plan has been formulated to develop some new tourism circuits during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of these circuits;

(c) whether some tourist places and sanctuaries of Uttaranchal have also been included in these circuits;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the alternative steps being taken by his Ministry for development of tourist places of the State?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.